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SPE 69712, "Use of a Fullbore-Access Level 3 Multilateral Junction in the Orinoco Heavy Oil Belt, Venezuela," dated 2001

Cementing Solutions, Inc., "JIP Studies Cement Integrity," dated February, 2002

Schlumberger, "Rapid Tie Back Quad System," dated March, 2002

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